

## Germany's Agents Under A New Name

All the Undesirables Are Organizing Under One Head To Try and "Chinify" America.

New York, June 28.—Projected upon lines similar in many respects to those of the Council of Workmen and Soldiers in Russia and the Workmen's Council of Leeds, England, the People's Council of America has met with a spontaneous welcome from the radical, progressive, labor unionist, socialist, agrarian and reform movement of the United States. Under the direction of an organizing committee with headquarters at 2 West Thirtieth street, New York City. The movement is taking shape in most of the States of the Union. The first meeting of the Council will be held August 4th in a city yet to be named.

In that Council will be represented various branches of the labor movement—farmers' organizations, Socialist bodies, branches of the Socialist Labor party, single taxers, pacifists, anti-militarists, advocates of the repeal of conscription laws, professional men's organizations—every radical and forward looking force in the nation. A conference of radical unions, the Workmen's Circle, United Hebrew Trades, Socialist and similar organizations, will be held in New York June 30 and July 1, to bring about the affiliation of hundreds of thousands of workers with the new movement, which is to be a clearing house, or congress, and is not in any way to supersede any organization now existing. Arrangements have been made to affiliate various branches of the farmers' movement in the Middle West. Anti-militarists and peace advocates of all shades are becoming affiliated either directly as constituent members, or through the medium of their own organization. Mothers' Anti-High Price Leagues have joined in bodies. So have various federations for democracy. Some fifty local councils in as many different cities represent spontaneous developments of the movement. These are already in operation or being formed. They will be represented in the American Council just as are other affiliated bodies.

"It is now three years since the world war began, and still the governments have not brought peace," says the call. "Now America has joined the conflict. The President says, 'we are to help make the world safe for democracy.'"

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"For the first time in history, it is proposed to send millions of our young men to fight and die on foreign soil. Every day our constitutional liberties are being assailed."

"Out of the disaster in Europe have risen the people of Russia, to blaze the way toward real democracy and sound the trumpet call to peace. This is the message of the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' delegates to the citizens of the allied nations."

"You must not allow the voice of the Russian provisional government to remain isolated from the union of the allied powers. You must force your governments to proclaim resolutely the platform of peace without annexations or indemnities and the right of the people to settle their destinies."

"What shall be our response in America? What shall we do—the hundreds of thousands of us who cherish our democratic liberties—who long for peace?"

"Let us join together in a People's Council of America for democracy and peace. The Council is called in obedience to resolutions unanimously adopted by the First American Conference on Democracy and Terms of Peace in May, and endorsed by fifteen thousand people assembled in Madison Square Garden."

"You are asked to send delegates to the first meeting which will be held on August 4th, at a place yet to be announced."

"The purpose of the People's Council, so far as they can be determined in advance of its own deliberations are:

"1. To secure an early, democratic and general peace in harmony with the principles outlined by New Russia, namely:

a. No forcible annexations.  
b. No punitive indemnities.  
c. Free development for all nationalities."

"2. To urge international organization for the maintenance of world peace."

"3. To induce our government to state concretely the terms upon which it is willing to make peace."

"4. To work for the repeal of the conscription law."

"5. To safeguard labor standards."

"6. To preserve and extend liberty and democracy in the United States."

The following are members of the organizing committee: James J. Bagley, labor unionist, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Prof. Emily G. Balch, Wellesley College; Prof. H. W. L. Dana, Columbia University; Mary Ware Dennett, New York; Crystal Eastman, American Union Against Militarism; Max Eastman, editor of The Masses; P. Gelichter, recording secretary Workmen's Circle, New York; Amy Mali Hicks, New York; Morris Hillquit, New York; Prof. Lindley M. Keasbey, University of Texas; Fola LaFollette, New York; Algernon Lee, Rand School, New York; Dr. Judah L. Magnes, New York; Rev. Howard Melish, Brooklyn, N. Y.; Jacob Panken, New York; Mrs. Herbert Parsons, New York; A. W. Ricker, Pearson's Weekly Magazine, New York; Gilbert Roe, lawyer, New York; Winter Russell, lawyer, New York; Benjamin Schlesinger, labor unionist, New York; Joseph Schlossberg, Amalgamated Clothing Workers, New York; Joseph D. Cannon, socialist and unionist, New York; Edward T. Hartman, secretary Civic League, Boston, Mass.; Rev. Richard W. Hogue, Baltimore, Md.; Dr. David Starr Jordan, former Chancellor of Stanford University, Cal.; Daniel Kiefer, single taxer, Cincinnati, Ohio; Charles Kruse, president International Welfare Brotherhood, St. Louis, Mo.; James H. Maurer, president Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor, Harrisburg, Pa.; Scott Nearing, Toledo, Ohio; James O'Neal, socialist, Boston, Mass.; Western Starr, Westover, Md.; Frank Stephens, single taxer, Arden, Del.; Max Pine, secretary, United Hebrew Trades, New York; Eugene V. Debs, Terre Haute, Ind.; William O. Hart, lawyer, New Orleans, La.; Paul Jones, Episcopal Bishop of Utah; Jenkin Lloyd Jones, editor of Unity, Chicago, Ill.; Arthur Le Seuer, counsel Farmers' Non-Partisan League, St. Paul, Minn.; Rev. Sidney Strong, Seattle, Wash.; Irwin St. John Tucker, editor Christian Socialist, Chicago, Ill.

This case is naturally urged, by those who are aware of the circumstances in support of Mr. Probasco's theory that aliens should be compelled to perform military service in case of great national emergencies. It is natural that it should be so urged. Yet there are considerations connected with it which do not appear on the surface. American citizenship has always been a proud possession, with its obligations as well as its privileges. It belongs of right to every American born and to every child of an American citizen. By others it is a prize to be gained only by the demonstration of understanding desire, of fitness, of attachment to the principles of the Constitution of the United States and of a good disposition toward the order and happiness of the same. It is not a cover to be put on for convenience. It is a great and precious thing. Yet, for excellent reasons, we do not deny the opportunities of trade or the protection of the laws to foreigners, even of long residence, or even when they are altogether lacking in attachment to the principles of the Constitution. As the case cited above proves, we can even grant the unnaturalized foreigner a commercial benefit which enables him to grab the business of a native citizen.

Why do we do this? Not to promote the foreigner above the native, but to conquer his foreign disposition little by little, to make his children loyal Americans, to break down the barriers of foreign exclusivism, to make our people ultimately one. The process works well, as the loyalty of all classes of American citizens in the present war proved. In such a case as that cited, we perceive an injustice, and if the injustice goes too far it is within our power to correct it by making the protected foreigner bear his share of the national burden. But it is a great mistake to suppose that the young American business man who may have to give up his business in order to serve his country is in any case the victim of his country's oppression or injustice. He gets out of his country more than he gives. What would his life be without it? Of what use would prosperity be to him if his country were overthrown? And what joys are constantly his in its possession! For those, which are his and not his unnaturalized neighbor's, he can well afford to serve his country in her need.

The Second American Conference for Democracy and Terms of Peace, known as the Chicago Conference, will be held July 7 and 8. A large representation of farmers' unions, granges, co-operative societies and the like is expected. This conference will be national in scope, as was the New York Conference May 20 and 21, out of which grew the People's Council movement. The Third American Conference will be held in San Francisco or Los Angeles at an early date. This will also be national in scope. Both of these conferences will make their recommendations as to the scope and nature of the activities of the People's Council of America.

Meanwhile, a campaign to raise \$50,000 to defray the organizing expense of the Council is going forward. Dr. David Starr Jordan is treasurer for the organizing committee. Organizers are being sent to all parts of the United States to bring about affiliations of bodies now existing and to form local councils where such steps seem advisable.

Any organization, internal, sectional, state, county or local, including local

organizations of the People's Council consisting of fifty members or more and endorsing the principles of the People's Council of America for Democracy and Peace, is entitled to representation. The basis is one delegate for the first thousand or fraction thereof, and one additional delegate for every additional thousand or major fraction thereof. But in no case will any organization be represented by more than three delegates.

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Charged With Plotting With German Agents in Mine and Fields.

Washington, June 28.—Industrial Workers of the World leaders were charged with working with German agents in mines and fields of the West to stir up strikes among Germans and Austrians, in correspondence laid before the Senate today by Senator Thomas, of Colorado.

Particular reference was made to strikes among the miners in certain parts of Arizona, in which Industrial Workers of the World leaders were prominent.

Senator Thomas asserted it as his opinion that there was a conspiracy directed by German agents in the United States to work through the Industrial Workers of the World in crippling smelters and industries of the west.

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